SERVICE CORPS





THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS (NHSC)

builds healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the United States with limited access to care.



The NHSC provides financial support to providers in exchange for working at NHSC-approved sites.

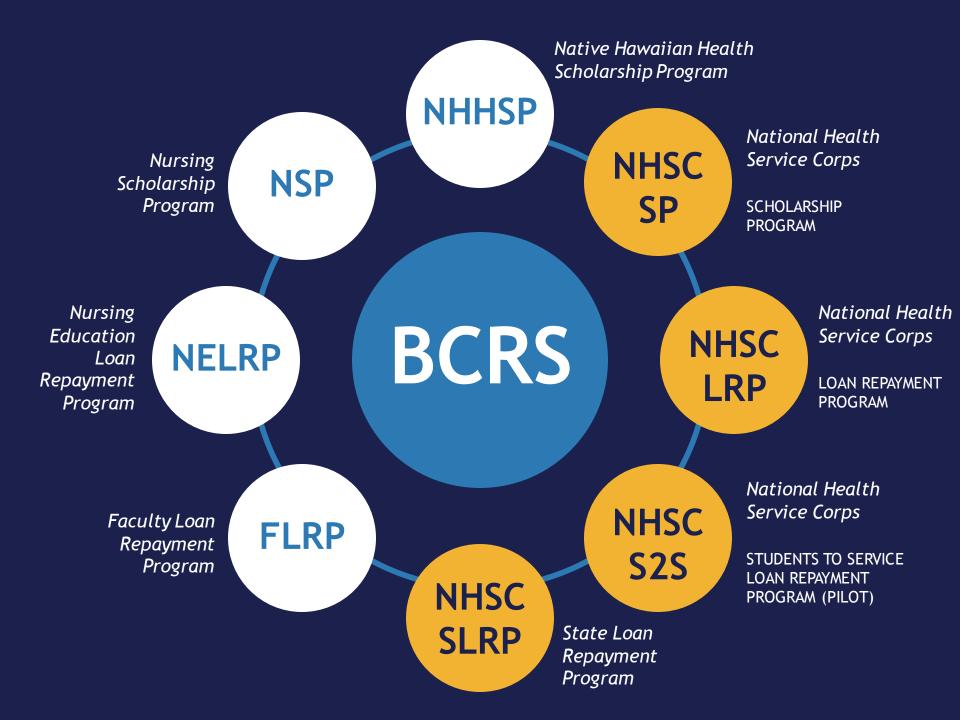
LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM STUDENTS TO SERVICE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (PILOT)

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BUREAU OF CLINICIAN RECRUITMENT AND SERVICE

- The NHSC falls within HRSA's Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service (BCRS)
- BCRS coordinates the recruitment and retention of health professionals to work in medically underserved communities





History of the Corps



The NHSC was created in response to the health care crisis that emerged in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s when retiring physicians left many areas of the country without medical services.



1980s

- 1990s
- 2000s

- NHSC created
- First scholarships
- Grew from 181 providers to over 1,800
- Budget 10 times larger by end of decade

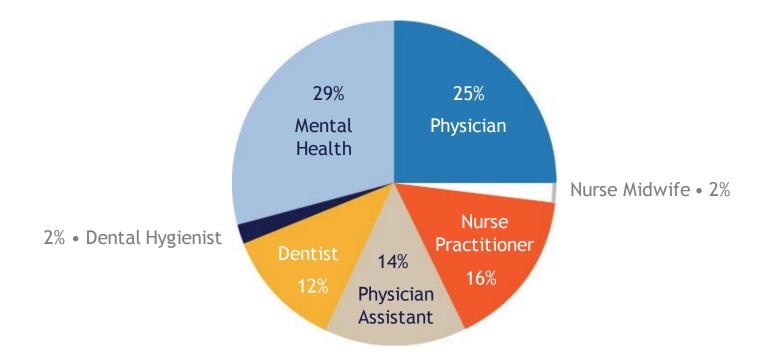
- Loan Repayment Program (LRP) launched
- Predicted physician surplus—budget reduced
- Field strength at 1,500 by 1989

- Early 1990s —
 Only 1,000
 providers serve
- Mental health disciplines added to LRP
- Over 2,500
 providers in service by end of decade

- Recovery Act and Health Care Reform

 increased funding
- Unprecedented growth in field strength
- Number of NHSC members projected to double from 2008 to 2011





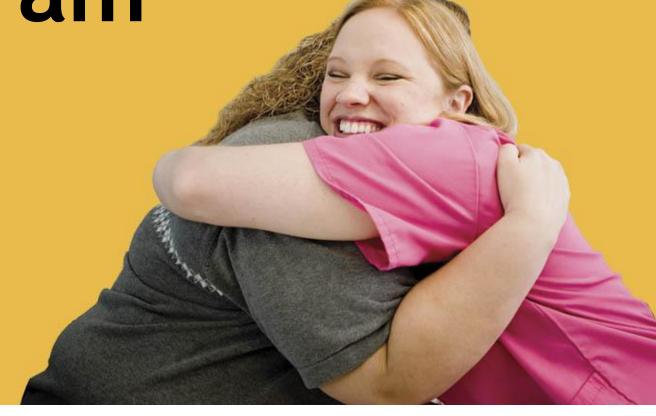
More than 10,000 NHSC primary care providers are working in communities with limited access to health care nationwide.

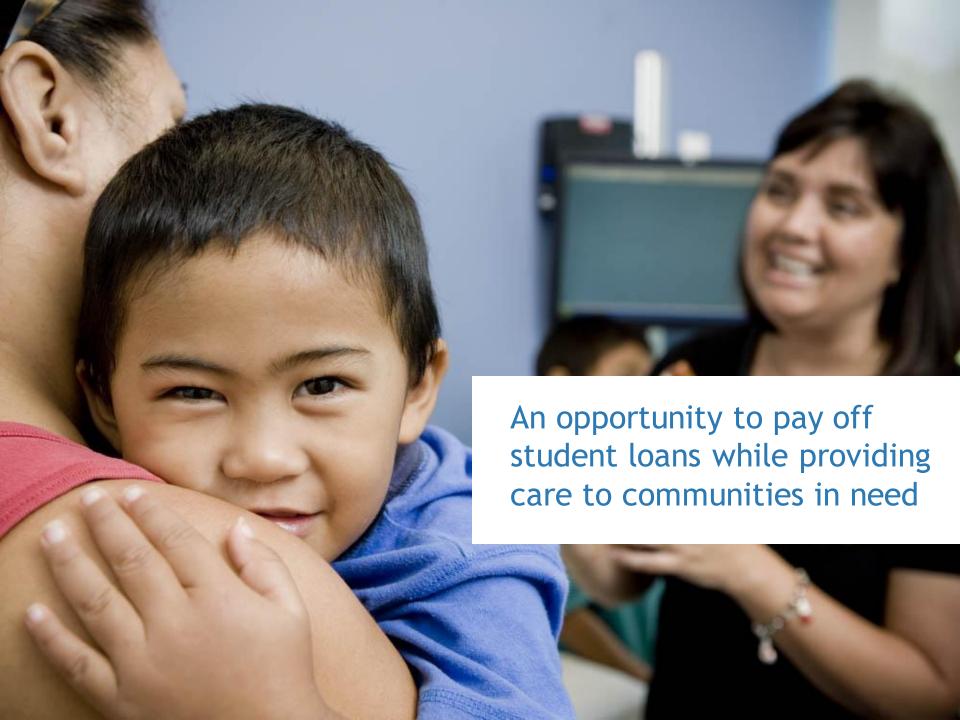
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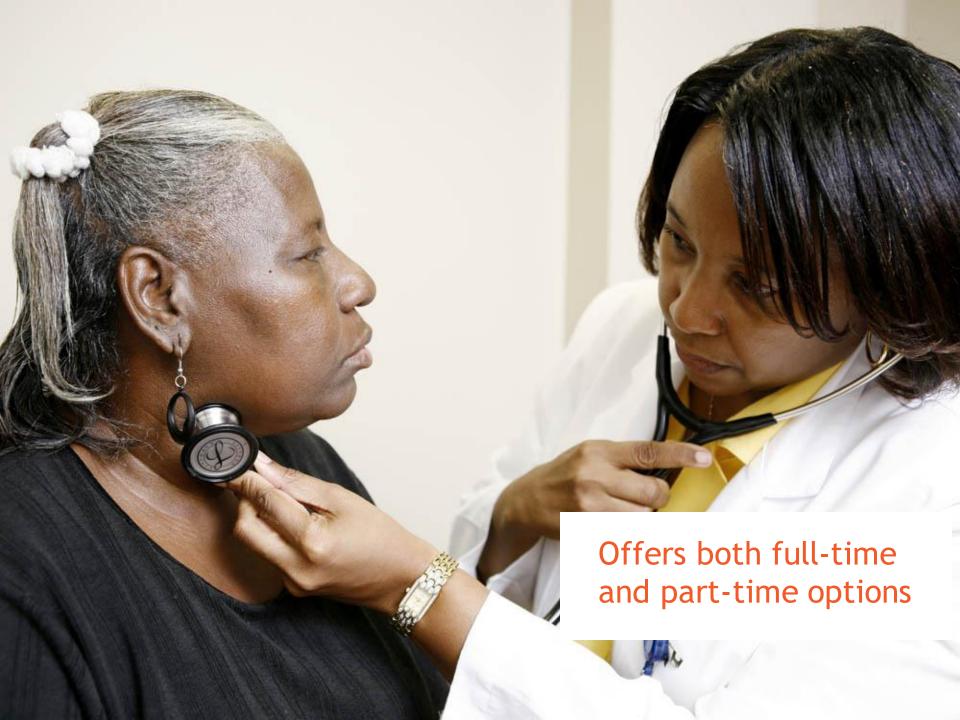
- ✓ NHSC members are currently providing care to more than 10.5 million people in the United States
- ✓ Networking and other educational resources are available to support NHSC providers during their service
- ✓ The number of in service providers has more than doubled providers since 2008

Loan Repayment Program

(LRP)











The full-time program offers up to \$60,000 in tax-free loan repayment for 2 YEARS of service, and up to \$170,000 for a 5-YEAR service commitment.

With continued service beyond 5 years, health care providers may be able to pay off all their student loans.

Providers receive loan repayment in addition to a competitive salary from their employers: NHSC-approved sites

Providers find a job at an NHSC- approved site

Apply to the NHSC for loan repayment

LOAN REPAYMENT AWARD

The NHSC Loan Repayment Program offers two levels of funding, based upon the need of the community in which a provider works, as defined by Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score

Initial Award Amounts

	2 Years Full-time	4 Years Half-time	2 Years Half-time
Sites with HPSA Score of 14+	Up to \$60,000	Up to \$60,000	Up to \$30,000
Sites with HPSA Score of 0-13	Up to \$40,000	Up to \$40,000	Up to \$20,000

With continued service, NHSC providers may be able to pay off all of their student loans.

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ U.S. citizen or national
- ✓ Currently work, or applying to work, at an NHSC-approved site
- ✓ Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts
- ✓ Licensed to practice in state where employer site is located



Must be licensed in one of the following

ELIGIBLE DISCIPLINES



- Physician (MD or DO)
- Nurse practitioner (primary care)
- Certified nurse-midwife
- Physician assistant

- Dentist (general or pediatric)
- Dental hygienist





- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist (health service)
- Licensed clinical social worker
- Psychiatric nurse specialist
- Marriage and family therapist
- Licensed professional counselor

HOW TO APPLY?

Review the Find a job at an Apply online at Application and **NHSC-approved** NHSC.hrsa.gov/ Program Guidance site or find out if loanrepayment your current job is at an NHSCapproved site nhscjobs.hrsa.gov/Search_HPOL.aspx



Scholarship Program

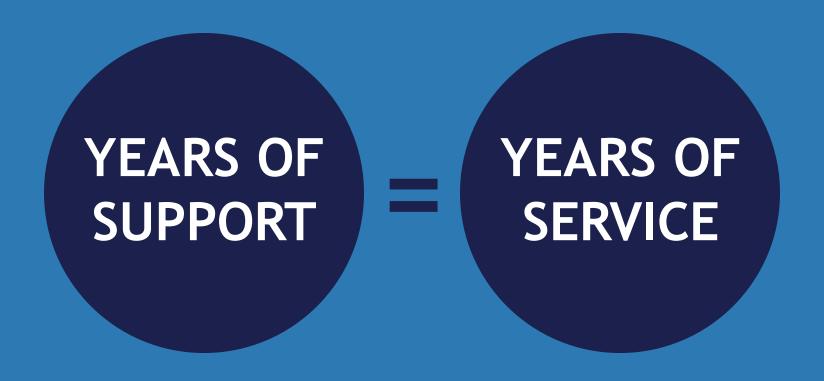
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Students pursuing careers in primary care can receive a scholarship now and serve later.

The scholarship* includes:

- Payment of tuition and required fees (tax-free)
- ✓ Some other tax-free educational costs (books, etc.)
- ✓ A monthly living stipend (taxable)



Scholars commit to serve in the Corps upon completion of their training — one year for each year of support (at least 2 years).



ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ U.S. citizen or national
- ✓ Full-time student at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in:
 - Medicine (DO or MD)
 - Dentistry (DMD or DDS)
 - Nurse practitioner
 - Certified nurse-midwife
 - Physician assistant (primary care)

HOW TO APPLY

Review the Application and Program Guidance

Application and NHSC.hrsa.gov



Students to Service Loan Repayment Program

(S2S LRP PILOT)







The NHSC offers up to \$120,000 in tax-free loan repayment for 3 years of full-time or 6 years of half-time service.

With continued service, eligible providers may be able to pay off all their student loans.

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ U.S. citizen or national
- ✓ Full-time student in the last year at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in Medicine (MD or DO)
- ✓ Planning to complete an accredited primary medical care residency in an NHSC-approved specialty (Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, and Geriatrics)
- ✓ Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts

AWARDS

- 100 awards planned
- The NHSC will give funding preference to applicants who:
 - ✓ Come from a disadvantaged background
 - ✓ Display characteristics that indicate a higher likelihood of continuing to serve in an underserved area once their service commitment is complete



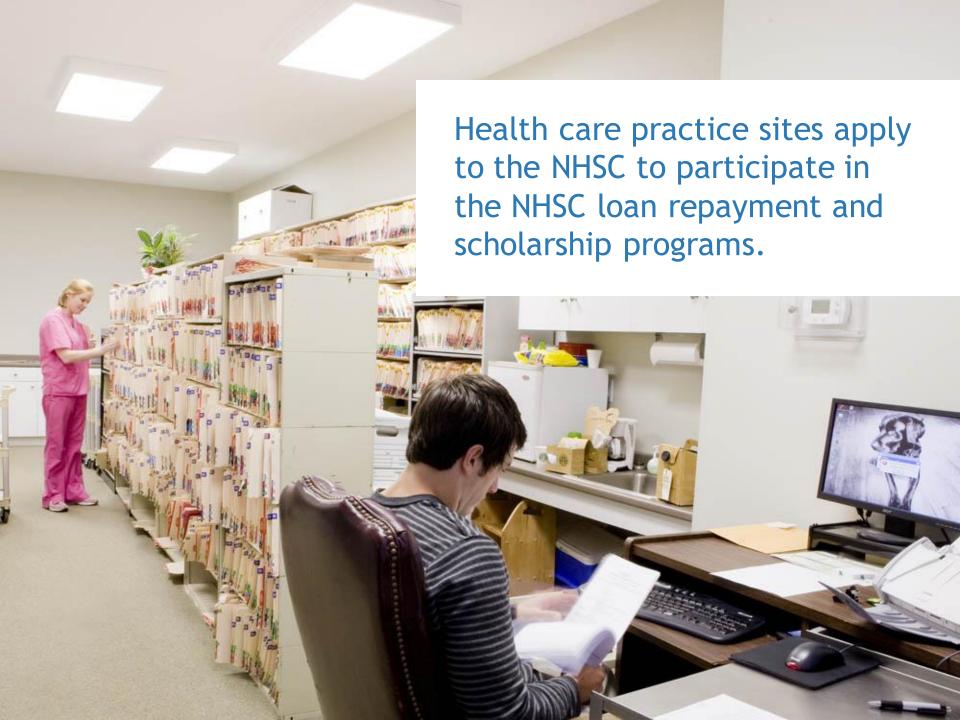
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- SLRP and NHSC LRP complement each other in reaching the goal of improving access to health care in underserved communities
- SLRP varies state to state and also as compared to the NHSC in:
 - ✓ Approved disciplines
 - ✓ Length of service commitment
 - ✓ Amount of contract offered
 - ✓ Ability to utilize alternative funding sources









"The NHSC clinicians working here are some of the most committed, dedicated, mission-driven people I have ever worked with in my life."

~ Larry Gottlieb, NHSC-approved Site Administrator

Recruit
providers and
residents dedicated
to working where
they are needed
most

Post clinical
vacancies on the
NHSC online
national
recruitment
database

Network with other NHSC-approved sites

BENEFITS

Receive community and site development assistance

Establish
an integrated
system of care that
includes the
uninsured and
underinsured

Develop linkages with academic institutions and other organizations



- √ Federally qualified health center (FQHC)
- ✓ Federally qualified health center look-alike
- ✓ Certified rural health clinic
- ✓ Hospital-affiliated primary care out-patient clinic
- ✓ Indian Health Service, Tribal Clinic, and Urban Indian Health Clinic (ITU)
- ✓ State of Federal Correctional Facility
- ✓ Private Practice (Solo/Group)
- ✓ Other Health Facility



ELIGIBILITY

- Site must be
 - ✓ Located in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)
 - A geographic area, population group, or health care facility that has been designated by HRSA as having a shortage of health professionals
 - ✓ See all patients regardless of ability to pay
 - ✓ Provide services on a discount fee schedule

ELIGIBILITY

- Site must
 - ✓ Accept patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program
 - ✓ Not discriminate in the provision of services
 - ✓ Document sound fiscal management
 - ✓ Have capacity to maintain a competitive salary, benefits, and malpractice coverage package for providers



NHSC SITE PROFILE... YOUR MARKETING TOOL

Interactive Discussion

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